

Competition in the market place breeds high quality products and fair prices. As such, competition bennefits consumers.

The "black market" is a very real part of our free market society. It may be illegal, but it is also very beneficial. It provides a source of competition to many buisnesses that would otherwise have no competition at all. It forces buisnesses to find ways to provide products of a higher quality than what is available through the "black market". They must also provide their products in a mannor that is more convienient to consumers than the "black market". Meeting the two above requirements is what makes legitimate products more attractive to consumers than the cheaper, illegitimate coppies.

The "Broadcast Flag" is an attempt to squelch the only competition that the entertainment industry has. It will allow them to continue to charge the same exorbitant prices that they have been charging for years. Is a rockstar really worth hundreds of millions of dollars to our society? Is an actor/actress really worth tens of millions of dollars for every film they star in? Maybe it's time for a little healthy competition in the entertainment industry.

I urge you to hold the American consumers' interests above those of the bloated entertainment industry. I urge you to reject the Brodcast Flag proposal.

Sincerely,
Keith Chapman